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BRITISH TROOPS CAPTURED BY A SUBORDINATE'S FEARS

Father Matthew Says the White Flag Was Hoisted Without Authority.

NEWS FROM LADYSMITH SIX DAYS OLD

Hellographic Communication With the Besieged Town Has Been Established—Boers at Kimberly Have the Exact Range of the Mines and are Exploding Dynamite Huts.

LOURENZO MARQUEZ, Nov. 9.—Father Matthews, chaplain of the Irish fusiliers, who was captured at the battle of Nicholson's Nek, has arrived here.

With reference to the surrender of the British troops at Nicholson's Nek, Father Matthews said after the mules stampeded, the force got hard pressed by the enemy. They would have held out however, but some subordinate, without instructions, hoisted a flag of truce.

Nothing then remained for them but to surrender.

LONDON, Nov. 14.—4:30 a. m.—Paucity of news from the front still leaves the chief interest centered in the arrival of reinforcements.

Escort dispatches say that hellographic communication has been established with Ladysmith but so far no news has been received. The last message bears date of November 6, which shows that the occupants of Ladysmith had no news of the outside world since General French reached Pietermaritzburg and that they were puzzled at the inactivity of the Boers.

Every one was confident and cheerful, but all were suffering from the inconvenience of the siege, bread selling at three shillings per loaf.

Colonel Powell's dashing sorties at Mafeking encourage the hope that the British garrisons along the western border are able to hold out. Cecil Rhodes is employing 8,000 men, white and black, in Kimberley, in road making, as a remedy for destitution.

According to a dispatch from De Aar, the Boers at Kimberley have got the exact range of the mines and are constantly throwing shells at dynamite huts.

Several of the latter have been blown up and the damage is heavy.

REPORTED BOER DEFEAT.

LONDON, Nov. 12.—A special dispatch from Durban, dated Thursday evening, says:

"Native runners who have just arrived here from Drakensburg district report that the Boers suffered a severe defeat at Ladysmith this morning. The Boer guns were silenced after four hours' fighting, during which the Boer losses were heavy. No details received."

RECEIVED WITH CAUTION.

LONDON, Nov. 13.—The Drakensburg dispatch by way of Durban, which was brought in by a Kaffir, reporting severe defeat of Boers at Ladysmith, Thursday, may turn out to be correct, but in view of previous experience, it must be received with caution. It appears, however, certain that heavy fighting occurred, and that the tyddite of the naval guns must have had a dire effect upon the burgher forces if it reached them.

ANOTHER TROOPSHIP ARRIVES.

LONDON, Nov. 13.—A dispatch from Cape Town to the war office announces the arrival there today of the troopship Armenian. This brings the total number of reinforcements to 12,804 of which about 6,000 are already on the way to Durban. Eleven thousand men are due at Cape Town tomorrow (Tuesday.)

CHINESE IN PHILIPPINES.

The Commissioners are Turning Their Attention to the Advisability of Excluding Them.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—Whether the Chinese exclusion law should be

applied to the Philippines is among the subjects engaging the attention of the Philippine commission.

It is understood three members of the commission, General Otis, Denby and Worcester are in favor of applying the Chinese exclusion act to the Philippines. Admiral Dewey, another member, is said to be in favor of admitting the Chinese while Schuerman's views have not been made known.

THE KENTUCKY MUDDLE.

Canvassing Board Returns do Not Clear the Mist.

LOUISVILLE, Nov. 13.—The tangle growing out of last week's election grows worse with each day. This was the third day of the official count but the work of the county boards of commissioners disclosed little information to clear the situation.

Chairman Long, of the republican campaign committee today repeated his claim of plurality of 3,111 for Taylor, based on official returns from 110 counties and unofficial returns from the remaining nine.

Democratic papers and leaders here have ceased to give figures, but specials from Frankfort quote candidate Goebel and other party leaders as saying they are confident of success.

Completion of returns to be presented to the state board of election commissioners when it meets at Frankfort next month still depends upon the determination of contests which are being raised in several parts of the state.

TERRIBLE EXPLOSION.

Seven Hundred and Twenty Quarts of Nitro Glycerine Turns Loose

TIFFIN, O., Nov. 13.—A magazine used by the Bradford Nitro Glycerine factory, two and a half miles east of Gibsonburg, exploded this afternoon. The shock was heard at towns within a radius of 40 miles.

Benjamin Card, driver of a stock wagon, had brought a load of 720 quarts of nitro glycerine from the factory at Bradford and was unloading it when the explosion took place. Card was blown to atoms and pieces of horse flesh were found miles away. It is supposed he had a companion but this is no positively known.

The explosion made a hole seven feet deep in solid rock and people within a mile of the place were knocked flat.

KILLED BY ELECTRICITY.

Son of a Salem Minister Caught Hold of a Live Wire.

SALEM, Nov. 13.—Archie McKillop, the 13 year old son of Rev. Ronald McKillop, pastor of the Baptist church of this city, was killed by a live electric wire this evening.

The boy climbed a pole supporting the wire. At the height of 35 feet he

caught hold of the live wire and also a dead one which completed the circuit and he received a shock of two thousand volts. His hands were burned to the bones.

He fell to the ground and was picked up dead.

RING NEWS.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—Jan. J. Corbett has challenged Jas. J. Jeffries to fight for the heavyweight championship. Corbett deposited \$5,000 to be covered by Jeffries.

LEADVILLE, Colo., Nov. 13.—Tom Moriarty of Boston and Walter Nolan of Chicago fought 20 rounds tonight to a draw.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Nov. 13.—Tommy Dixon, of Rochester, and Billy Ryan, of Syracuse, tonight fought a 20-round draw.

TROY, N. Y., Nov. 13.—Charles Goff, middleweight champion of the Pacific coast knocked out Morris, "Muldoon's cyclone" in three rounds tonight.

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—At the Hercules club, Brooklyn, tonight, Owen Zeigler of Philadelphia, was knocked out in the fifth round by Charles Burns of Cincinnati.

HOBART CONTINUES TO IMPROVE.

PATERSON, N. J., Nov. 13.—The improvement in the condition of Vice-President Hobart continues and Mrs. Hobart and other members of the family feel confident that the life of the vice-president will be preserved for a long time, even if his complete recovery is not considered possible by his physicians. Today he was able to partake of all his meals at the usual times.

THE CHARLESTON IS A WRECK

LOST OFF THE LUZON COAST

The Brief Dispatch Announces That All On Board Were Saved.

MANILA, NOV. 14.—12:30 P. M.—THE UNITED STATES CRUISER CHARLESTON, WHICH HAS BEEN PATROLLING THE NORTHERN COAST OF LUZON, WAS WRECKED ON A REEF OFF THE NORTH WEST COAST ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 7. ALL ON BOARD WERE SAVED.

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

CLEVELAND, O., Nov. 13.—Charles F. Dick, secretary of the national republican committee, announced today that the committee will be called together December 15 next, at Washington, to name the time and place for holding the next national republican convention.

The following named cities are mentioned as probable applicants for the national convention next year: Kansas City, Chicago, St. Louis, San Francisco, Cleveland, Minneapolis, Denver, Milwaukee and Buffalo.

THE RIOT CASES.

Trial of Cases Involving Five Million Dollars.

CHICAGO, Nov. 13.—The trials of what are known as "riot cases" began before Judge Kholosat in the federal court today.

These are cases in which various railway companies ask for judgments against the city for damages to their property, suffered during the railroad strike in 1894 on account of the alleged failure of police authorities to furnish adequate protection.

The aggregate amount of these claims is nearly \$5,000,000.

SLASHED AGAIN.

SEATTLE, Nov. 13.—Brokers today made another cut of 2 in the rate from Seattle to Chicago making second class fare \$30.

THE ENGLISH PRESS FEARS AN OFFENSIVE ALLIANCE

Russia has a Secret Compact with China and Japan and Strange Rumors are Afloat.

MAY MAKE AN OPPORTUNITY TO STRIKE

Russian Diplomats are Active and London Papers Give Credence to the Alarming Reports—Dispatches From Shanghai Indicate That a Crisis is Close at Hand.

According to a number of leading London papers, Russia has succeeded in forming a secret alliance with Japan and China that is a menace to Great Britain.

Startling dispatches are being received from Shanghai. They declare that the alliance is an offensive one and some pretext will be found very soon for a practical demonstration against England, taking advantage of the latter's difficulty in South Africa.

LONDON, Nov. 13.—Careful inquiries made by the Associated Press revealed nothing extant in diplomatic circles here to justify the alarmist view taken by a section of the press regarding the situation in the far east between Russia and Japan.

That a serious denouement is so close at hand as is indicated by advices from Shanghai during the last 24 hours, is regarded as incredible.

For a long time it has been known here that China and Japan were closely allied but neither British nor American diplomats in London believe that this alliance is of an offensive nature.

STOPPED A FRENCH STEAMER.

LORENZO, Marquez, Nov. 13.—The French steamer Cordeba has arrived here. When 70 miles out she was signalled by the British cruiser Magicienne and as she did not stop a blank shot was fired across her bow. After her manifest had been examined she was allowed to proceed.

PARIS ANGRY.

PARIS, Nov. 13.—This morning's Paris papers protest against the stopping of the French steamer Cordoba by the British cruiser Magicienne of Lourenzo Marquez.

A BUFFALO STRIKE.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Nov. 13.—In order to force a settlement of the dispute between the men engaged in the construction work and their employers, regarding wages, the trades and labor council has ordered out all union men working on buildings in this city in which iron is being used. Four thousand men are affected.

HERESY CASE.

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—The case of Prof. Arthur McGiffert, of the Union theological seminary, who is charged with holding views that are at variance with the doctrine of the Presbyterian church, came before the presbytery today and was referred to the general assembly.

STILL LOVE THE HORSE SHOW.

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—The fifteenth annual horse show began in Madison square garden today with a good attendance. The statement made of late that the popularity of the horse show is waning was flatly contradicted by the large attendance this afternoon and evening.

SO SOON?

OMAHA, Nov. 13.—Confirmation was made at the Thurston residence in this city today of the report that Senator John M. Thurston was to wed Miss Lola Pearman of Washington.

The Proof

Of Boys' Clothing is in the wearing. Clothes must be of best quality to withstand the healthy violence of youngsters, or mother will be kept busy mending and buying more.

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